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A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!



YOUR 2022—2026 PETROLIA COUNCIL

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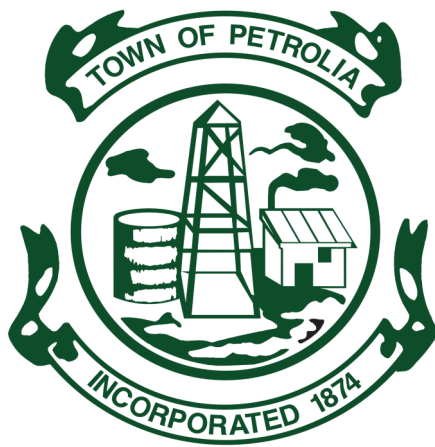
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BY-LAW CONTACTS

Water related Emergency, call 1-888-522-0117

Public Works Emergency (non water), call 519-882-2351

General By-Law Enforcement, call 519-845-5420

Parking Enforcement, call 519-312-1238

Animal Control, call 519-287-2974

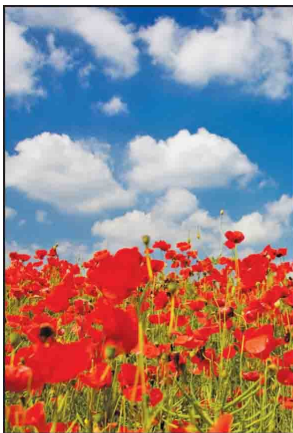
or reach us through our online portal [https://](https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/CitizenEngagement.aspx)

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We are always here to answer your questions! Please call us at (519)882-2350 from Monday—Friday, reach out to us on Facebook or Twitter or send an e-mail to petrolia@petrolia.ca!

Do you want the monthly Petrolia Connection delivered to your e-mail inbox? Send an e-mail to petrolia@petrolia.ca!



WITH GRATITUDE FOR THOSE THAT SERVED.
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR R. BRAD LOOSLEY,
COUNCIL AND STAFF



you'll be surprised!

We will remember them.

IODE MEETINGS:

2nd Monday of Each Month—
December through June Please
contact Wendy Loosley for more
information! (519)882-2073 Or visit
www.iodemargaretstokespetrolia.ca or
find us on Facebook!



**REMINDER: OVERNIGHT STREET
PARKING ENDED October 31. Thank
you!**



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1—No more overnight parking until May 1
- 1-4—Annual Fall Hillsdale Cemetery Clean Up
- 5—Compost Transfer Site Open from 8 a.m.—noon—Maude Street
- 5—LC Petrolia Optimist Craft Show at New Life Assembly —9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 6—Daylight Savings Time Ends—Check your Smoke Detector and CO2 batteries!
- 6—Royal Canadian Laying of the Wreaths at the Cenotaph—2 p.m.
- 7—GO-VAXX Bus @ Greenwood Rec. Centre—11 a.m.—5 p.m.
- 10-13—Petrolia Community Theatre presents “The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge” on stage at Victoria Hall—tickets at the Victoria Hall Box Office, online at www.thevpp.ca or by phone at (519)882-1221
- 11—Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph—11 a.m.
- 11—Town of Petrolia Municipal Office Closed in observation of Remembrance Day—Reg. hours resume Nov. 12
- 12—Compost Transfer Site Open from 8 a.m.—noon—Maude Street
- 15—Inaugural Meeting of 2022-26 Petrolia Council— 5:00 p.m.—Victoria Hall
- 19—Make Your Own Christmas Arrangement—St. Paul’s United Church (see poster to register)
- 25– Dec. 11—”Starbright Christmas” on stage at Victoria Hall—tickets at the Victoria Hall Box Office, online at www.thevpp.ca or by phone at (519)882-1221
- 26—St. Paul’s United Church—Christmasfest Craft & Gift Show—10 a.m.—3 p.m.

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- 2—Christmas in the Park, Victoria Park
- 3—Petrolia Christmas Market—10am-3pm, Petrolia Farmers’ Market Site
- 3—Petrolia Santa Claus Parade, downtown, 2pm
- 16-18—Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents “The VPP Christmas Jamboree” on stage at Victoria Hall—tickets at the Victoria Hall Box Office, online at www.thevpp.ca or by phone at (519)882-1221

RECURRING EVENTS

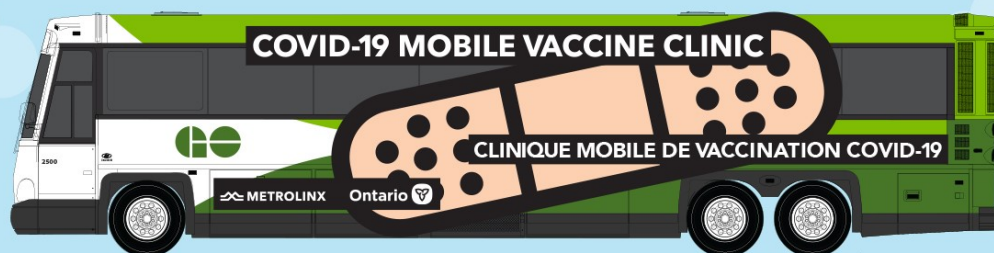
- Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Planner Hours at Town Hall
- Every Thursday – Lambton Central Optimist Meat Raffles at Crabby Joe’s Petrolia 6-8pm
- Every Thursday – Petrolia Lions Club Meat Raffles at Haywood’s Tap & Grill 6-8pm
- Every Saturday – Royal Canadian Legion Lunches – 12pm
- Every Saturday – Royal Canadian Legion Meat Raffles – 2pm
- Third Wednesday – Royal Canadian Legion – Jamboree’s – 12-4pm
- Third Sunday – Royal Canadian Legion Breakfast – 9am

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Hop on the GO-VAXX bus for your COVID-19 vaccine



Monday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Greenwood Rec. Centre, Petrolia

Individuals can book an appointment 4 days in advance of the clinic date at 8:00 am. This can be done on the provincial booking website <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine> or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900. Walk-ins are also accepted while supplies last.

Do you know what is acceptable to recycle in Petrolia? Have you ever wondered if something you are recycling is supposed to be recycled or thrown away?

Check out www.RORR.com and find out all about it! PS—You can even recycle this newsletter when you're finished reading and sharing it!



**FREE services
for job seekers!**

lambtoncollege.ca/CES

» 519-882-4333



Community
Employment
Services



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Greenwood Rec Centre

2022 Fall Skating Schedule

Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm
\$3 - Adults
FREE - Children

Learn To Skate Starts Thurs., Oct. 13
(formerly Moms, Pops & Tots)
An opportunity for parents to teach children to skate, and for open skating. Skate aids are permitted, and CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. No sticks permitted.

Snow Day and Holiday Public Skating
Watch the Town of Petrolia Facebook page or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca for Snow Day Updates!

Mon & Thurs 12pm-1pm
\$3 - Adults

Adult Lunch Time Skate Starts Thurs., Oct. 13
For adults only. No sticks permitted. CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended.

Learn To Play Starts Fri., Oct. 14
Provides an opportunity for adults to teach children hockey skills. No aggressive playing or slap shots are permitted. CSA approved helmets and a mask and gloves are mandatory. Players must bring sticks and pucks.

Public Skating Starts Sun., Oct. 16
CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. Children must be supervised by an adult, and no sticks are permitted.

Friday 12pm-1pm
Not available during Christmas Holidays
\$3 - Adults
FREE - Children

Every Sunday 1:50pm-2:50pm
\$3 Per Person
\$6 Per Family

Dates & times are subject to change, please contact Town Hall for more information and bookings at 519-882-2350 or by email to lbelan@petrolia.ca

Autumn LEAF COLLECTION




WEATHER PERMITTING
OCTOBER 17 through DECEMBER 16
ON YOUR REGULAR WASTE COLLECTION DAY BETWEEN 9AM-3PM

NEW Leaves must be in brown paper bags and placed at curb for collection.
- ONLY LEAVES WILL BE ACCEPTED -




SUPPORT Our Friends & Neighbours

SHOP Petrolia



411 Greenfield Street
Petrolia Ontario N0N 1R0
519-882-2350
town.petrolia.on.ca

 *Town of*
PETROLIA
you'll be surprised!

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

All dogs must be on leash in Petrolia parks, and any public spaces.

Leashes are required to be a maximum of 6' long.

Please remember to pick up after your pet.

To report off-leash dogs, please forward your concerns to:
Glencoe Animal Shelter at (519)287-2974



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Economic Partnership
Powering a Sustainable World™

DOWNTOWN PETROLIA RESIDENT SURVEY

We are requesting your input on Downtown Petrolia,
and how we can make it better

WAYS TO RESPOND:

● Call us at 519-332-1820
to complete over the phone

● Go to:
<https://bit.ly/3AquK4w>

● Scan the QR code:



Reminder



NO SMOKING



NO VAPING

(e-cigarettes)



Ontario

In all Petrolia Parks.
Thank you!

The Town of Petrolia Community Services Department
is pleased to announce this year's parade theme...

Christmas

UNDER THE SEA

2022
SANTA CLAUS PARADE



This year's parade will take place on:
SATURDAY, DEC 3
AT 2PM
DOWNTOWN PETROLIA



 *Town of*
PETROLIA
you'll be surprised!

For more information
or to register your float
please contact Thera at
twagner@petrolia.ca or call
519-882-2350. Registration
forms can also be found at
www.town.petrolia.on.ca

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK



**SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2022—check your smoke and CO2
detector batteries!**

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PETROLIA RESIDENT COMPOST Transfer Site!

**2022
Compost Pass
\$25**

Maude Street Transfer Site • 546 Maude Street

2022 RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
HAVE A PASS TO ACCESS THE SITE

Passes are available at Town Hall now, and at the Petrolia Farmers' Market during the 2022 Season.

- 8AM UNTIL NOON -

April 16 • 30	June 11 • 25	Aug 13 • 27	Oct 8 • 22
May 14 • 28	July 9 • 23	Sept 10 • 24	Nov 5 • 12

PETROLIA COMPOST DEPOT REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED

Depot staff reserve the right to refuse any materials that do not conform to the requirements. Paper bags are required to dispose of compost materials.

TIPS

1. Yard waste and brush will be separated into two bins - please do not bag it together.
2. Please use paper bags or reusable bins.
3. Brush must be of reasonable size & length.
4. Residents will be asked to take unacceptable items home.



**For more information:
519-882-2350
www.town.petrolia.on.ca**

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

LET US HELP YOU!

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO FINDING AN ANSWER FOR YOUR QUESTIONS!

Please ask your question to our friendly administrative staff.



Call Town Hall • 519.882.2350

or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca or find us on Facebook

If you have further questions:



Ask for the Department Director or the Clerk

If you don't know the department you need, our friendly staff can help direct you.

Do you still need more information?



**Please ask for the
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)**



Contact Your Members of Council

Their contact information is available by visiting
www.town.petrolia.on.ca/town-hall/mayor-council/



Town Hall Business Hours
Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

If you are still not pleased with the response you are welcome to
Attend a Town Council Meeting



Lambton Public Health
160 Exmouth Street
Point Edward, ON N7T 7Z6

Telephone: 519-383-8331
Toll free: 1-800-667-1839
Fax: 519-383-7092
www.lambtonpublichealth.ca

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Flu shots now available in Lambton County
Monday, Oct. 24, 2022

Point Edward, ON – Beginning today, Lambton County residents can begin booking appointments to receive this year's influenza (flu) vaccine at community clinics.

Appointments can be booked through Lambton Public Health (LPH) at GetTheVaccine.ca. If you require assistance with booking, please contact us at 226-254-8222. Call Centre Hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional vaccination options include participating pharmacies or your healthcare provider.

LPH run clinics will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and take place at the following locations:

- Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre: **Nov. 2nd**, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Lambton Public Health Main Office: **Nov. 5th**, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Point Edward Optimist Hall: **Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th**, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The Shores Recreation Centre: **Nov. 9th**, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Wyoming Fairgrounds: **Nov. 3rd, Nov. 10th**, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Flu shots are one of many tools we have to help protect the community during respiratory illness season," said Crystal Palleschi, Supervisor, Health Protection with LPH. "We encourage everyone to stay up to date with their vaccinations to prevent severe outcomes and reduce the strain on our healthcare system."

Lambton County residents are also encouraged to continue practice the basic learned actions that add additional layers of protection against respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19, RSV, and the flu.

These basic actions include:

- Practicing proper hand hygiene
- Practicing proper respiratory etiquette
- Stay home if you are sick
- Self-screen for symptoms before attending congregated settings

Lambton Public Health also reminds residents that **masks are still required in clinical settings**. If you can, please continue to mask where required. Please remain home if you are sick and rebook your appointment for a later date.

Please contact:
LPH-media-inquiries@county-lambton.on.ca

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CHRISTMASFEST CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

St. Paul's United Church Petrolia

Saturday November 26, 2022

10:00am - 3:00pm

Free Admission Door Prizes

Kitchen open for Food & Drink
Desserts and other Items for Sale



A very exciting one day shopping event
of handcrafted, homemade, home baked,
one of a kind treasures made by local talent



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Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:



1 Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



2 Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.



3 Empty recyclables directly into your cart - NO bagged recyclables.

A helpful guide to keep in mind:

- Please flatten your cardboard and keep it smaller than 36" x 12".
- Rinse your recyclables.
- No masks or gloves.
- Waxed cardboard is not accepted.
- No plastic bags.
- No diapers, or household wipes.
- Styrofoam is not recyclable.
- Any paper items are recyclable but remember to remove personal information prior to recycling.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>



PICK UP A PASSPORT AT TOWN HALL AND JOIN THE FUN - STARTING MAY 9!



You'll receive a **COOL PRIZE** when you **COMPLETE YOUR PETROLIA PARKS PASSPORT** and bring it to Town Hall 411 Greenfield St.



PASSPORT HOLDER INFORMATION
This could be you!

Name _____ Age _____
Phone Number _____
Email _____



PETROLIA Community THEATRE

Presents a fun twist on a Christmas Classic

The Trial of Ebenezer SCROOGE

A comedy written by Mark Brown
Directed by Bonnie Harris

It's one year after the events of *A Christmas Carol* and Ebenezer Scrooge

is suing Jacob Marley and the 3 Ghosts of Christmas for: breaking & entering, kidnapping, attempted murder and the infliction of emotional distress!

Many of your favourite characters from *A Christmas Carol* are called to the stand to testify and are questioned by Scrooge, who is acting as his own lawyer!

If you know the classic Dickens story, you will enjoy this hilarious comic sequel with loads of laughs, a few frights, and plenty of good old-fashioned Christmas spirit.

A great comedy for the whole family; full of Christmas fun for everyone!

Thurs. Nov. 10 & Fri. Nov. 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm
Sat. Nov. 12 & Sun. Nov. 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm

on stage at **Victoria Hall**, 411 Greenfield St., Petrolia

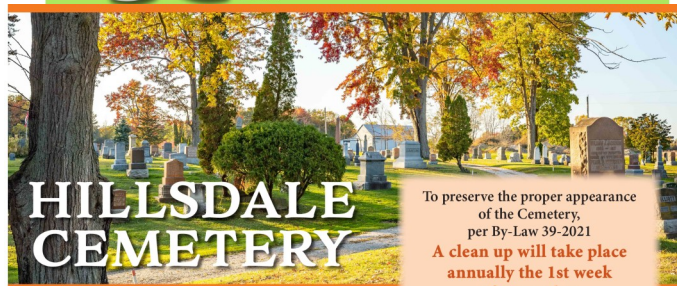


Tickets available at VPP Box Office
Call 519-882-1221 or 800-717-7694 toll free
online at <https://tickets.thevpp.ca>
(\$5 charge for online orders)

More info at www.petroliatheatre.com



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HILLSDALE CEMETERY

NOTICE OF FALL CLEANUP

We appreciate your assistance with this clean up, please be advised that all wreaths, saddles, flowers, etc. placed at the grave are to be removed before these dates to facilitate the clean up.

Any wreaths, saddles, flowers, etc.... that are not weathered or worn will not be removed, this includes items placed for Thanksgiving Remembrance. The Cemetery Manager retains final discretion on what is determined as weathered or worn.

Removed items will be held for thirty (30) days at the cemetery office for collection. Items not collected within thirty (30) days will be discarded. The Corporation shall not be responsible for loss or damage to any removed items.

Items Placed on Graves after the 1st week of November:
Artificial wreaths and monument saddles without glass or plastic covers may be placed on the lot after the 1st week of November, provided they are securely fastened to the monument. Where there is no monument, it shall be mounted on a stand of at least 30 inches (76.2cm) high and securely anchored to the ground.

Solar Lights:

Solar Lights are only permitted at the Cemetery from November and April. Any Solar lights placed in the fall shall be removed annually prior to the end of April.

To preserve the proper appearance of the Cemetery, per By-Law 39-2021

A clean up will take place annually the 1st week of November prior to Remembrance Day.

All Interment Right Holders are required to remove wreaths, flowers, etc. to facilitate the clean-up.

Please remove all items prior to October 31st

As a reminder these items are not permitted:

- Glass or pottery containers of any kind
- Hanging baskets, trees, hedges, shrubs, flowering or other plants
- Borders, fences, railings, walls or cut-stone coping
- Trellises, arches, or iron rods of any kind
- Home made of hand constructed decorative markers ie: metal signage, bird houses, etc.

Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Municipal Office at 519-882-2350.

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk
Cemetery Manager

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Community Pet Pantry

St. Paul's United Church Official Board has given approval to implement this program this fall and use St. Paul's as a donation location. This initiative will work together with the Petrolia Community Refrigerator.

So many pets have been displaced and surrendered at an alarming rate in the last couple of years. Shelters are overrun and these animals are in need. Our goal is to help support our community families that need help to keep their fur babies cared for and support local organizations that help animals.

We are reaching out to our community for item donations and financial support. Anyone can drop off items as well as monetary donations of cash, cheq (payable to St. Paul's United Church with Pet Pantry on the memo line) Our address is 4169 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0, or e-transfer and be sure to indicate Pet Pantry. Tax receipts will be provided. We are The Big Red Church on the corner across from Tim Horton's.

E-transfer is available at the email below. If you have any questions, please call 519-882-1390 or email at office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net. Until an outdoor drop bin is available at the church, please drop off donations Monday-Friday 9am-3pm (call ahead, rear entrance, just ring the doorbell)



Donation Item Suggestions:

Dry dog food, dry puppy food, dry cat food, canned cat food, clumping cat litter, gently used items such as leashes, collars, food dishes, pet beds, pet toys. If you have other items that are not listed, please call 519-882-1390 and we will let you know if we will take your item(s).



If you would like to become a volunteer please call 519-882-1390

Winter Weather Tips

Winter weather causes challenges for residents and waste collection crews. Please follow these guidelines to make collection safe, easy, and efficient for all.



Place your blue boxes and carts in a shoveled or carved-out area on your driveway.



Collection crews begin curbside collection at 7 a.m. Please have all items at the curb before 7 a.m. on your service day. Winter weather may require collection routes to change, resulting in earlier pickup times.



During snow events, make sure your blue boxes and items are visible to drivers and safe to access - place all items in a shoveled area on your driveway or on the ground, NOT on snowbanks. Drivers do their best to complete their routes, although there may be delays due to road and weather conditions. Please check with your municipal website for updates during severe weather.



Keep your drivers safe. Collection crews are not permitted to climb snowbanks to retrieve blue boxes or waste bags. Place items at the end of your shoveled driveway or shovel a shelf for your blue boxes and waste containers.

Follow these tips to keep materials in your blue boxes and not litter the streets:

- Stack the blue bin containing heavier recyclable materials like glass bottles and jars on top of your blue box filled with loose papers/fibers.
- Don't fill your blue box above the rim - fill a second and third box with recyclable materials.
- On really windy days, wait to put your blue boxes out for collection until the following week to prevent litter.
- Blue boxes may blow away when empty, so please take a look around your neighborhood if your blue box is missing on a windy day.



Broken Blue Box - If your box freezes to the ground or the plastic cracks due to the cold, please replace and keep it free from ice to ensure collection.

Write your address on your blue boxes, green bin, and garbage can in permanent marker so they can be returned if blown away during winter weather. This makes it easier for them to be returned.

Thank you for keeping our community clean and drivers safe.



WINTER MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Snow Removal

- Under the Highway Traffic Act Section 181 - Deposit of snow on Roadway, states that "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry of Transportation or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road."
- This generally applies to the snow that accumulates in laneways from precipitation and from private or municipal snow plowing operations, those who insist on plowing snow from private property onto public roads can be fined

Overnight Parking

- Residents are reminded there is no overnight parking on Town streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- This allows for the Town's Road Crews to plow the roads safely and efficiently, we ask that you please abide by the by-law and be considerate of the road crews when they are out doing their best to keep our roads open and in safe condition

Parking on roadway

- Under the Highway Traffic Act Section 170.

Vehicles interfering with traffic

(12) Despite the other provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 170 (12).

Sidewalks

- Under By-Law Business owners are required to maintain the front area of their storefront, this includes the removal of snow
- The Sidewalk Plow will make its way through Town once permissible, Roads are the priority for Works Crew once they are clear Sidewalks

Sporting Equipment

- Please ensure all sporting equipment ie: hockey nets, basketball nets are removed from the curb & roadway

Your co-operation is appreciated

Mike Thompson
Director of Operations

Prevent



FOG (FATS, OIL & GREASE)
in Our Sewers

- With your help we can prevent FOG from clogging the sewer
- Protect your pipes
- Don't let your sewer turn on you and your neighbours
- Never pour FOG down the drain! FOG clogs!

PREVENT FOG (FATS, OIL & GREASE) in our sewers

What is FOG?

FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease) is the most common cause of sewer back-ups.

FOG is a by-product of cooking and can be found in butter, margarine, salad dressing, gravies, sauces, lard, shortening, baking goods, meat fats and dairy.

THREE P's

- Did you know the sewer system is only designed for the 3 P's?
1. Pee
 2. Poo
 3. Paper (toilet paper)

ATTENTION: Restaurants, Industry or Commercial premises where food is cooked, processed or prepared: Necessary measures are required to ensure oil and grease are prevented from discharging to a sanitary sewer more than the limits.

What can you do to help?

do:

- collect used grease and cooking oil in a container and dispose of it in the garbage
- wipe out visible fats, oil, grease and food residue from dishes, pots and pans with disposable paper towels
- put solid waste and food scraps in the garbage
- be aware of hidden FOG's in salad dressing, sauces, gravies, cheese and desserts
- use a strainer in the sink to remove excess food debris
- encourage neighbours to keep FOG's out of the sewer system

do not:

- pour oil and grease down the sink, drain or toilet
- scrape food scraps down the sink, drain or toilet
- pour liquid food down the sink, drain or toilet
- run hot water over greasy dishes or pans - the FOG will cool and stick to the inside of the pipes
- use a food waste grinder to get rid of food and grease
- use washable cloths to wipe greasy dishes clean

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Saturday, November 5th

9am - 4pm

New Life Assembly Church
421 Oozloffsky St., Petrolia

LOTS OF GREAT VENDORS!

Start your Christmas shopping early
UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS ~ SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

FREE ADMISSION

Toonie Table Raffle ~ Door Prizes
Food & Refreshments Available

Visit us on facebook or www.lcpetroliaoptimist.org

For more information, please contact:
Optimist Deb Kohoutek d_kohoutek@hotmail.com 519-330-1802

Proceeds to benefit the youth of our community!



DID YOU KNOW?

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- Council Meetings
- Public Open Houses
- and more!

1. Visit: <https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx>
2. Select Your Interests
3. Enter Your E-mail

Questions? Please contact the Clerk's Office



411 Greenfield Street
Petrolia | ON | N0N 1R0
519-882-2350
town.petrolia.on.ca



MAKE YOUR OWN CENTERPIECE ARRANGEMENT

November 19, 2022

1:00pm-4:00pm at Windover Nurseries

\$35.00 per person

Enjoy an afternoon of fun & fellowship

All the items you will need to create your own centerpiece are provided

You can bring special items and greenery to add your own personal touch if desired or purchase extras on site



Registration Deadline is November 6, 2022

Beverages and snacks will be provided

Brought to you by the Finance Committee & Windover Nurseries

Register by emailing carol.stpaulspetrolia@gmail.com

Payment due at registration by cheque or

ettransfer to office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net



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CAO's Corner

Hello again everyone,

I hope you enjoyed my first article on Capital grants. I forgot to include a graph on our capital grant approvals. Sorry, I will get the hang of this. Rather than a graphic which can be confusing, our capital grant success can be summarized by stating that from 2015 to 2022, the Town of Petrolia has received over \$43 million in grants which is slightly more than our tax revenue for the same period!

Now for this month's article. About 10-15 years ago (before my arrival) Council realized that the Town of Petrolia was reaching the capacity limits of our Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and this would become a barrier to any future growth in our Town. Our Plant was also near the end of its useful life and needed to be replaced. Council directed staff to review all aspects of this pending crisis and to come back to Council with options and recommendations. Staff worked with a consulting firm and options were presented to Council. Council made the tough decisions to significantly increase sewer rates as the estimated cost to replace the WWTP was over \$20 million and our Town could not afford it. Staff focused on finding any federal and/or provincial capital grant programs to relieve this tremendous financial pressure. **SUCCESS!** Our Town secured a \$14

million federal and provincial grant to replace our WWTP which cost \$21 million and took about five years to complete. The Town employed a smart approach to debt management and borrowed \$5 million to help fund our Town's share of this vital project and benefited from on this excellent grant program. Today we have a state of the art WWTP with significant spare capacity for future growth. Below are a couple of pictures of our new Plant. Rather than tear down the old WWTP administration building, we re-purposed it into our JH Fairbank Fire Training Centre which is an outstanding facility to train our brave Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department (PNEFD) firefighters and members of Support Operations Response Team (SORT).



Petrolia Wastewater Treatment Plant



Rick Charlebois, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer—Town of Petrolia



John H. Fairbank Fire Training Centre

Should you have any suggested topics or feedback, I can be reached at rcharlebois@petrolia.ca. Take care.